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A Word From The President:

Well it was great weather for our IMAA fun fly and for the Quickie racing day as well. The turnout for the IMAA Fun Fly was great. It was a good event, hope you all had fun. The turnout for the Quickies was good with groups from Iowa and Kansas showing up for the fun.

The Mead Field was beautiful for both events, we had many complements from pilots of both events.

We have a couple of events left for this year: Sept 2 Meeting at Springfield; Sept 7 Fun Fly and Outdoor Swap meet at Mead; Sept 13 Old Timers at Mead; and Sept 21 Quickie 500 at Mead. Have fun and hope to see you there.

Thanks

~ Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner:

It has come to my attention and other members that our club's website is doing an excellent job drawing folks to our club. Several have shown up at Springfield to visit after finding the website and learning more about us. A few have joined as a result. Kudos to Joe Halamek with the website!

The Bud Hall event went smooth thanks to all of you who helped run it. From the mowing of the field; to registration of flyers; to cooking of the brats; to lining up the drinks and coolers; to handling the raffle; all the way through to taking down the roadside signs after the event. Every one of you for that matter! It made a difference. Dean C. and I give a big thanks to you all! Also, we appreciate all of you who attended this year and made it a great time.

Tuesday the 2nd of September will be our last cookout at Springfield for the season. I might say some of us are still suspicious as to where Bob got the hamburger at such a low price. I might say some of us are suspicious as to where Bob got the hamburger at such a low price. There was a rash of planes going into the beans the past several Tuesday nights that we are trying to draw some sort of correlation. However nobody, other than usual, are acting strange or foaming at the mouth.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Next Meeting:

7:00pm Tuesday -- Sept 2, 2008

Location: Springfield Flying Site



Financial Report – July 31, 2008

Report will be presented at the next club meeting.

Thank You!

~ Ed Splitgerber

July Meeting Notes:

The monthly club meeting was called to order at 7:05 on August 1, 2008. There were 20 club members present.

No old business was brought up in discussion. Although as Safety Director, Dean Copeland reviewed some of the club's safety items that were in last month's newsletter. This had to do with leaving a passage way in front of the pits for vehicle travel along the length of the field. Not only for arriving and departing during your flying session, but also in case of emergency and the need for someone to leave post haste. Awareness of emergency numbers posted on the frequency board was also mentioned. Importantly was the reiteration of having a spotter when flying your airplane.

Rick Miller brought up new business which was the need for volunteers to help with the Bud Hall Fun Fly. Several offered their services as the needs were discussed by Nelson Carpenter and Dean Copeland.

Bob Burt stated that he would have new Western RC Flyers ball caps for purchase at the fun fly. He asked that everyone wanting one bring their money. The cost was not mentioned. Contact Bob for more information on the hats.

Treasurer Ed Splitgerber gave the monthly report on club finances. It was accepted and approved by the club members.

There was no additional club business and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Blue Skies

~ Dustin Anderson

REWARDS PROGRAM

Remember to use Hobby Town's Reward Program. With every purchase by a WF member, the club receives a credit for an amount equal to 1 percent of your purchase. Be sure to mention your Western Flyers affiliation when making a purchase at either Hobby Town location.

Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



Well by now most of you have heard that on 8/12/08 I took a bad fall and broke my knee. It will take 12 weeks to heal, and I am in a brace and using a walker. So much for the rest of my summer fun! Unfortunately this will keep me from the flying field for the rest of the season.

The Omahawks are planning an "Old Timer Display" at the Labor Day Air show to honor the memory of Ollie Olson. Steve Peck or Dick Behrens would be the fellows to contact if you want to display or fly one. Ollie certainly embodied the attitude it took to build a flying club.

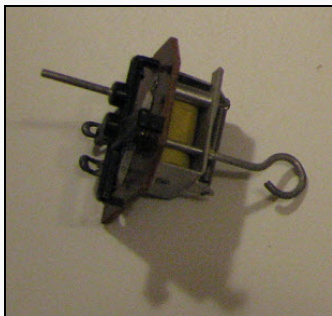
His continuing support of the Omahawks was amazing and appreciated. In the old days it took a hobby shop's support to get a club off the ground. When I was a kid I took two buses in Chicago to go to *Toy Town & Hobby* for a monthly meeting and then shop owner would open up for a bit so the guys could buy something if needed. He even gave us a discount! It takes people like Ollie and each one of us to make a club a success. Thank you to everyone, I appreciate all you do so I can have a good time.

It seems another RC magazine is having problems meetings budget. RC Report is trying to hang on despite the rising costs; they will make it if they can grow their subscriber base. Info on this excellent magazine is at www.rcreprt.ws. I know the editor Gordon Banks and strongly suggest you consider support this magazine. His reviews of products are forthright with both "Cheers and Jeers" not just saying everything is perfect. RC Report has published our annual auction announcements several times for free.

Hopping Along

~ Bob Boumstein

What is it?



Can you identify this device and what it was used for in our hobby? This is a true test off your involvement in our model airplane hobby, or revelation of your age. Answer can be found on next page of newsletter.





OTHER HAPPENINGS IN SEPTEMBER

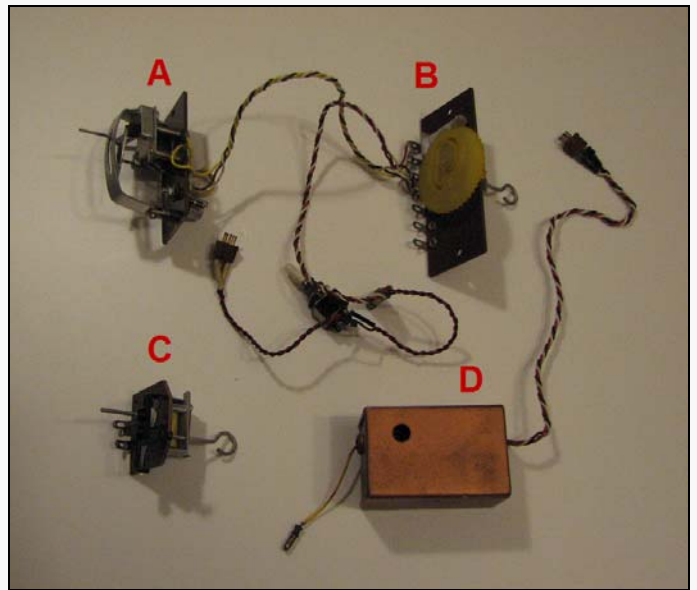
- Tuesday, Sep 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)
Saturday, September 13th - Old-timers Fun Fly
- 9am, Mead Field
Sunday, Sep 21st - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in 9:30am, Racing 10am

Club Website:

<http://www.weflyrc.org/>



Answer to What is it?



You are looking at a simple escapement, they were used with a single channel radio system and were powered by a rubber band. A signal from the Rx would trigger the coil and allow the rotary part of the escapement to rotate 180 deg. When hooked up properly you would get a linear movement of about 3/4" to operate the throttle.

The items in this photo are; (A) ? brand of a simple escapement, (B) Bonner compound escapement, (C) Bonner simple escapement, and (D) Ace single channel receiver kit. These items plus a battery made up the airborne radio equipment for a single channel aircraft having rudder, elevator and throttle.

A single channel radio worked by pushing a button on the Tx: push and hold would be right rudder; push-release-push and hold would be up elevator; push-release-push-release-push and hold would be left rudder; push-release-push-release-push-release-push and hold would be down elevator. And for throttle would be a very quick push-release known as a quick blip. When the plane was first launched you had to be very fast on the button because the rubber band was wound pretty tight and moved the escapement quickly, the longer you flew the rubber band would have less power and you would have to slow down on the beeps to give the escapements time to latch.

This equipment is from the second airplane (Trisquire) that I built and flew in 1957. It also had a second escapement that would release a parachute that was attached to the bottom of the plane.

~ Dean Copeland

CLUB FLYING ACTIVITIES – August 2008

Note: Thank you to Rick Miller and Bob Burt for providing a few photos for this month's newsletter.



BUD HALL FUN FLY August 16 and 17, 2008

The 284th Aero Squadron (Western RC Flyers) IMAA event was well attended by flyers from Omaha, Fremont, Wahoo, Ashland, Lincoln, and other eastern Nebraska locations. Everyone enjoyed the gathering and camaraderie. This was the club's 19th annual event at our Mead field. The weather was perfect with winds under 5 mph both days. The EZ-UP 12X12 shelter was a big hit with many tickets sold that helped cover the cost of putting on the fun fly with it ending up in the black. More photos and short video clips can be found on Google Video: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-8445844838842889727&hl=en>



BUD HALL FUN FLY August 16 and 17, 2008 Cont....



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~ 2008 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2008 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 1st through September 4th! 2008

(Weather Permitting)

Food – Fun – Flying – Friends!

**January
2008**

Tuesday, Jan 8th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

**February
2008**

Tuesday, Feb 5th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**March
2008**

Tuesday, Mar 4th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**April
2008**

Tuesday, Apr 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)
Friday, April 18th - WRCF Auction Set-Up
- 7pm, BJS Building - Bellevue
Saturday, April 19th - Annual R/C Auction
- BJS Building - Bellevue - Sign in at 8am
Auction Starts at 10am (Members should be there no later than 7:45am Auction day)

**May
2008**

Tuesday, May 6th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food
Saturday, May 10th - Old-timers Fun Fly
Spring Round-up
- Mead Field 9am
Sunday, May 18th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**June
2008**

Tuesday, Jun 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food
Saturday, Jun 7th - Spring IMAA Fun Fly
- 10am Mead Field (Limited to Giant scale IMAA aircraft, \$5.00 landing fee, Open Flying)
Saturday, June 14th - Old-timers Fun Fly
- 9am, Mead field
Sunday June 8th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**July
2008**

Tuesday, Jul 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site bring a plane, open flying & Food
Saturday, July 12th - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead field
Sunday, July 20th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in 9:30am, Racing 10am

**August
2008**

Tuesday, Aug 5th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & food
Saturday, August 9th - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead Field
Saturday & Sunday, August 16th & 17th - 19th Annual Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly
- Mead Field -9am both days, aircraft limited to IMAA criteria, large scale aircraft all AMA - IMAA rules apply. May join IMAA at the field. (80inch & up monoplanes, 60 inch up biplanes)
Sunday, Aug 24th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**September
2008**

Tuesday, Sep 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)
Sunday, September 7th - Open Fun Fly and Outdoor Swap meet - Mead Field - Swap Meet set-up after 9:00am, Open Flying @ 10am - 3pm
Saturday, September 13th - Old-timers Fun Fly
- 9am, Mead Field
Sunday, Sep 21st - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in 9:30am, Racing 10am

**October
2008**

Tuesday, Oct 7th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)
Saturday, October 11th - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead Field

**November
2008**

Tuesday, Nov 11th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, inside right of main entrance)
- Nominations taken for 2009 Officers

**December
2008**

Tuesday, Dec 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, inside right of main entrance)
- 2009 Officer elections

Want to schedule a 2008 event? Contact any officer or attend a club meeting with a proposal.

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Tailspin Newsletter
Western RC Flyers
Omaha, Nebraska

TO:

Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2008 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ IMAA Number: _____

Dues Paid: \$ _____

2008 Dues: \$35 (2008 Renewals must be paid by **February 1**) New/Renewal: ___ New ___ Renewal ___ (Check One)

Sign Here: _____ Date _____

AMA membership is required

Make Checks Payable to: Western R/C Flyers

**Print this form and send check to WR/CF Treasurer:
Ed Splitgerber 5046 S. 174th St. Omaha, Nebraska 68135**